



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 008-2021

**EXECUTIVE ORDER RELATED TO
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
NAVAJO NATION FISCAL RECOVERY FUND OFFICE;**

**NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT
OCTOBER 4, 2021**

WHEREAS:

1. The President of the Navajo Nation serves as the Chief Executive Officer for the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation government with full authority to conduct, supervise, and coordinate personnel and program matters. 2.N.N.C. §1005 (A);
2. The President shall have the power to issue an executive order for the purpose of interpreting, implementing, or giving administrative effect to statutes of the Navajo Nation in the manner set forth in such statutes. 2.N.N.C. §1005 (C)(14);
3. The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 was passed by the United States Senate on March 6, 2021 and was signed by President Biden on March 11, 2021 and whereas the bill includes \$1.9 trillion in funding for individuals, businesses, and state, local, and tribal governments:
4. Navajo Resolution CJY-41-21 authorized the Office of the President and Vice President to establish a Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund Office within the Office of the President and Vice President;
5. An Executive Order shall have the force of law upon the recipient. 2 N.N.C. § 1005(C)(14).

THEREFORE:

I, Jonathan Nez, President of the Navajo Nation and I, Myron Lizer, Vice President of the Navajo Nation, by the authority vested in us, hereby issue the following order:

1. The Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund Office is established to provide support to quickly and judiciously direct the planning and use of the American Rescue Plan funds under the leadership of the President and Vice President;
2. The Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund Office shall be staffed by a team of Executive Branch employees with representation from, but not limited to, the Office of Management and Budget, Department of Justice, Division of General Services,

Environmental Protection Agency, Fish and Wildlife Department, General Land Development Department, Heritage and Historic Preservation Department, Navajo Land Department, Division of Community Development and the Office of the President and Vice President, as shown in the attached Plan of Operation and Organizational Chart;

3. The Office of the Controller shall be offered an opportunity to provide full time staffing at the Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund Office to provide fiscal support;
4. A physical office of the Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund Office shall be established at the Navajo Nation Division of Transportation in Tse Bonito, New Mexico;
5. The full-time personnel at the Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund Office shall be supplemented with part time personnel and contract personnel as necessary to fulfill the mission of the Office;
6. The Executive Director of the Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund Office may establish Working Groups to provide guidance and direction to the Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund Office; and,
7. All Navajo Nation Branches, Divisions, Departments, programs, offices, Chapters, Enterprises, and Navajo casinos shall comply with and adhere to the instructions of this Executive Order.

The provisions of this order shall be implemented consistent with the laws of the Navajo Nation and in a manner that advances the highest welfare of the People.

EXECUTED this 4th day of October 2021



Jonathan Nez, *President*
THE NAVAJO NATION



Myron Lizer, *Vice President*
THE NAVAJO NATION

ATTEST:



Doreen N. McPaul, *Attorney General*
Navajo Nation Department of Justice